



# The SHARPSBURG TOWN CRIER

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## COUNCIL NEWS

These minutes are not the official minutes, nor are they a complete review of the business conducted. Requests for a copy of the complete minutes may be requested from the town clerk.

The July 11, 2011 meeting of the Sharpsburg Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:30pm by Mayor Spielman. All members of the council were present. Also in attendance was Kimberly Fulk, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved, as was the treasurer's report.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Cathy Thomas from the American Cancer Society approached the council about having a Relay for Life in the Sharpsburg area in 2012. She was seeking ideas as far as where to hold the event in this area. Some possibilities are the Washington County Ag Center on the Sharpsburg Pike, Shafer Park in Boonsboro and the Antietam Battlefield. She gave her contact information to Kimberly to place in the crier for those interested in helping to plan the event.

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Parks/Railroad**—Once receipt of down payment, the fence will be installed at the park and the pond. Bryan will install the new aerator at the pond.

**Building**—With expenses of the fence and with other possible projects, the replacement of the bricks will go to the side burner. Mat will take care of the Ivy that is growing on the side of the building.

**Streets**—Jeter Paving will be completing the paving of the alley along Chapline Street. Kimberly will notify them tomorrow that they have been selected to complete the work. Once we have a date, we will put the information in the crier and advertise when this will happen, so that those affected by the work can have some time to make other arrangements.

**Planning and Zoning**—The town has received a call from Steve Goodrich, county planner, who is willing to assist the committee on completing the Comp Plan. A meeting will be set up to begin this process.

**Battlefield Advisory Committee**—There was no meet-

ing in July.

**Mayor's Report**—The Town of Boonsboro will be having a "National Night Out" on August 2, 2011 from 5:30-8:30pm at Shafer Park. It was decided to give them a \$100 donation towards this event.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Placement of wall in back room**—this will be completed within a month. Brandon will get the supplies.

**Traffic Issues in town square**—John Wolford was down to evaluate the various problems with parked cars, speed, and the possible need for a traffic light/four-way stop at the square. After his evaluation, it was determined that the traffic flow/speed does not warrant a stop light or a four-way stop. He did recommend trimming trees and the possibility of moving the No Parking signs in the square. This will be evaluated. Bryan will also have Jeff Hewitt from the Boonsboro Police Department speak at the next meeting regarding patrolling the town, cost, revenue, etc.

**Bridge Project**—The MDE permit is holding up the process. It appears that some work may have to be done downstream at the culvert as well. Frederick

Seibert & Assoc. has the bid packets all ready to go, we just need the OK from MDE.

**Mowing**—We are continuing to have issues with the prisoners mowing the town grounds. They are not here long enough to complete the mowing of all the grounds. The detention center is looking for projects, but there may be a transportation issue. Brandon will shop around to see what the cost of having someone mow the grounds would be.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Tennis Courts**— A member of the community is interested in fixing up the tennis court area. Kimberly will ask him to come and speak before the next council meeting on August 1st.

**Alley Trimming**— A notice will be placed in the crier asking property owners to please trim the trees and vegetation from their property that is growing into the alleys. The alleys are becoming increasingly difficult to travel by vehicle due to this problem.

**Code Enforcement**—The council wishes to have a meeting with Brian Kane regarding enforcing the town ordinances. Kimberly will talk with Brian to set this up.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm. The next meeting will be on Monday, August 1st at 7:30pm.

#### **Town Hall Announcements**

##### **Trimming of Property at Alley**

We would like to ask property owners to please trim the weeds, trees and other vegetation on your property that is growing into the alleys. With the overgrowth in some locations, it has become extremely difficult to travel the alleys in a vehicle, without causing damage. Please be courteous to your neighbors and kindly trim up these areas. Thank You!

##### **Town Office Hours**

The town office will be closed on Wednesday, July 27th so that the clerk can attend a meeting in Hagerstown. Thank you for your understanding.

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#### **Community News and Events**

##### **Sharpsburg Heritage Festival Scrap Metal Drive**



The Heritage Festival Committee is holding a scrap metal drive through August 15th. The dumpster is located in the parking lot of the Fire Station and EMS buildings, beside the recycling bins. Any scrap metal that you have lying around would be greatly appreciated. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used towards the festival, which will be held on September 17th.

##### **CONGRATULATIONS SHARPSBURG LITTLE LEAGUE 9-10 YEAR OLD DIVISION!**



Congratulations to the Sharpsburg Little League 9-10 year old division. They were named the District 1 Champions for their division. Although they were defeated in the first and second games of the State Championship, we are extremely proud of each of them! Congratulations to the players, coaches, managers, organization and parents for all of your hard work and dedication.

### **National Night Out**



The Town of Boonsboro will host their annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 from 5:30pm-8:30pm at Shafer Park.

The evening will include a magician, face painting and a DJ. The local police and fire and rescue departments will be on hand as well as local businesses and organizations with displays.

Come out and enjoy some free family time!

### **Relay for Life**

The American Cancer Society is working on planning a Relay in the southern part of Washington county for 2012.

Relay for Life is an overnight fun-filled experience that is designed to celebrate survivorship and to raise money for research and programs through the American Cancer Society. The event is made up of teams that strive to keep at least one member walking or running laps all night.

The first meeting to organize this event for 2012 will be held on July 25th at 6:30pm at the Mt. Nebo Church on Main Street in Boonsboro.

For more information, contact Cathy Thomas at 301-733-8272 or [cathy.thomas@cancer.org](mailto:cathy.thomas@cancer.org) Kimberly also has information regarding the Washington County Chapter of the American Cancer Society and its programs available at town hall.

### **Tax Collector at Town Hall**



Tax Collector Debbie Jamison will be at town hall to collect taxes every Tuesday and Thursday in July and August from 6pm-8pm.

You can find Debbie on the second floor in the council chambers.

### **Blacktopping to take place on August 1, 2011**

As you are aware from the minutes of the Mayor and Council meetings the past few months, the alley that runs parallel to East Chapline Street will be blacktopped.

Jeter Paving will be here to pave this alley on Monday, August 1st.

We are asking property owners to please have the alley clear of vehicles, debris, etc. so that this may be expedited on August 1st.

There are several pot holes in alleys that will be repaired on August 1st and possibly August 2nd. If you are traveling the alleys on these days, please take extra caution.

If you have questions, please call town hall during normal business hours.



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 Wednesdays 9am-12noon and Thursdays  
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